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**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION
WITH REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANT'S PREVIOUS
REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY**

S I R:

In response to the Advisory Action dated July 16, 2001, entry of applicant's reply filed July 5, 2001 and due consideration of each of applicant's arguments set forth therein, are respectfully requested.

Considered action on applicant's previous request for withdrawal of finality, is respectfully requested. Cogent and detailed grounds for the request were provided at pages 15-17 of applicant's July 5, 2001 reply.

Applicant's amendments to the specification, in the reply dated July 5, 2001, should be entered. As explained on page 3 of the reply, the amendment merely *corrects a typographical informality*, by changing incorrect references to Figures 9A or 9B to Figures 11A or 11B. The reason for denying entry:

"Bill of exchange documents require further research as amended in the specification as new matter."

in so far as it is understood, bears no relevance whatever to applicant's minor typographical amendment.

The Advisory Action indicates that applicant's request for reconsideration has been considered, but does not place the application in condition for allowance because:

"It lacks concreteness and specificity."

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant concretely and specifically addressed the solitary issue raised in the final Office Action dated May 22, 2001 namely the rejection under 35 USC §101 that:

"The claimed invention lacks specificity in the independent claims 35, 44, 64, 68,75,81, 82 as to how one would implement the invention and reduce it to concrete, tangible and utilitarian form."

at pages 4-15 of the reply. Applicant set forth and analyzed the requirements of the

relevant law as understood by applicant, relying upon a number of authorities.

Applicant then applied that law to each of the independent claims in a concrete and specific manner.

For example, the requirement that the invention of claim 35 be "useful" and provide a "specific, substantial and credible utility" was addressed in the paragraph crossing pages 7 and 8, the useful result being the financing of a traded product by means of the event-activated prerelease payment draft recited in claim 35. The "concreteness" of the result of claim 35 was explained in the paragraph crossing pages 8 and 9 of the reply. Release of the traded product, pursuant to element b) of claim 35 was shown to be clearly "tangible" in the first complete paragraph on page 9 of the reply by reference to cited passages of the specification and figures of the drawings.

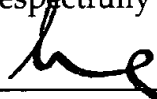
Each and every independent claim was similarly treated in detail, referring to the language of the claims and related portions of the disclosure. Applicant's reply is believed to have been most "concrete and specific".

Careful consideration of, and favorable action, on applicant's cogent and meaningful arguments are again respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and the discussion relating thereto, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, is in condition for allowance. Such action is most earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, he is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.


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